

Water Works Public Meeting

May 1, 6 – 8pm
Mill City Museum Open House
&
May 2, 11:30am – 1:30pm,
Crown Roller Mill Open House

Notes received on boards:

Design boards:

Use

- Dogs – Pet friendly, dog watering station, dog relief areas at edge of park, dog park.
- Kayak Rentals
- Nice Ride Station
- Hammocking areas
- Consider acoustic design in food area to keep noise from being too loud with many hard surfaces.
- Pickleball or badmitten.
- Kayaking, canoeing and other boating/water activities.

Safety

- Improve Crown Roller ramp.
- Extend special paving from crossing into bike lane.
- Extend woonerf all the way to the bike crossing.
- Make bike crossing a table top.
- Please include child safe areas.

Access

- More bike parking.
- Bikes coming from 3rd ave bridge will want to turn left to get to the riverfront.
- Looking for pedestrian access along both sides of 1st street to access 3rd ave.
- Parking for kayakers to access the river.
- Add sidewalk on 1st street along the park to the woonerf bridge.
- Eliminate 1st street to woonerf walkway to preserve trees.
- Provide roof access at both ends of the building from 1st street.
- Stairs from the green roof down to the Mississippi.
- Keep a connection towards mill city museum.

Imagine visiting this new park in 5 years, either alone or with others. What is the one thing you most notice and feel?

May 1

- Animal friendly place
- Power of the river

- Peaceful environment and noise
- Must be safe and feel safe and be well lit at night
- Future not the past: of the river, of the water, of minneapolis
- Welcoming to all
- People paddling on and interacting with the river +1
- Not a museum +1
- Make the falls more waterfall like +2
- Dog park and/or dog relief areas in places where they will be used. There are many dogs that live close to this site +4
- Bike repair station, pumps, fix-it +3
- The pictures
- Education
- The sounds of people, birds, river
- Peacefully native
- The harmony of humans and nature +1
- Games being played: bocce, croquet
- Dog friendly pavilion/park
- Show people water technology
- Connected to both the water and downtown
- Places for passive and active

May 2

- Native history of area +1
- People being involved in the community together
- Plays
- Dogs
- Bikes
- Outdoor music
- Nature, flora/fauna, pollinators, birds
- Bike connections and trails
- Safe and accessible
- Environmentally sustainable and friendly
- Food markets and gift shops

Water Works is a gathering place and a venue for storytelling where people can tell their own stories. What stories do you want told here?

Day 1

- What was here before the mills? Where were they? Where are they now?
- How does it tie into other cultural sites near Water Works. Father Hennepin Park, Mill City Museum, Gold Medal Park, The loop between 3rd Street bridge and Stone Arch bridge, 360 at falls

Day 2

- The meeting room could host public info talks on the mills, montage, etc.?
- I don't think this is central to what needs to be worked on up front.
- The lobby/meeting rooms could contain historical images/info about the area.

- What happened to spirit island? Where was it located? How can we honor and memorialize the area, while respecting the historical cultural significance of the area. Ask the people who were here 1st. Let them tell the full story.

How can food be central to Water Works?

- Lots of options for food needed: kid friendly, various prices, more than one food option/location, beyond just this site
- Rituals and family traditions
- Food stands by the street
- Water for dogs
- Non privatization of landscape, ie gardens just for apt dwellers
- Hot cocoa
- Local street food and carts
- Plants that pollinate
- Food trucks
- Edible landscape +1
- Cheap food trucks
- Compostable and biodegradable utensils
- Picnic areas - blanket rentals
- Food for dogs
- Healthy food
- vegan/vegetarian
- Drinking fountains
- Street food, family friendly, beer and wine from MN
- Fruit trees and shrubs +1
- Urban/community gardens +1
- Hydroponic gardens +1
- Plants that attract pollinators
- Not junk, but not too pricey
- Warm and cold weather options
- Picnic tables/grills
- Food truck parking
- Chain of lakes type restaurant i.e. Tin Fish, Bread and Pickle
- Tie to history with American Indian food
- Food trucks in parking lot in interim
- Concession stand
- Central space for night out events every year
- Canoe and kayak to and from
- Patronizing Smith and Porter and Porter Cafe
- Extend the Mill City Farmer's Market
- Food truck day on parkway and 1st Street/5th Avenue - close streets
- Yes! Fire pits for s'mores and BBQ
- Food = affordable
- Food trucks
- Turn the lock into a restaurant
- Source food from Hiawatha food forest
- Construction of food forest and urban gardens - public access and volunteer maintained

- Orchard - berries
- Local foods featured at food sheds
- Casual and nutritious
- Native American cuisine
- Multiple restaurants - only one in park building - may not be successful - need a critical mass and various price points
- Make the post office a food building
- Dog friendly
- Coffee and beer

What do you want to be able to do at this space?

Spring and Summer (DAY)

Everyday:

- Bike riding +1
- Dog walking
- Running
- Rest room
- Enjoy the woods that exist today
- People walking
- Exercise stations - stops to do push ups/lunges/triceps work with exercising tips at each station (for ex: at Brainerd Arboretum)
- Swimming
- Lots of benches
- Basketball space
- Space for bikes and walking to separate a bit - can't today bike on bridge without hitting a tourist
- Play equipment for kids
- Don't forget the view of falls from 3rd Street bridge
- It is called Water Works! Please do everything possible to get us on the water not just looking at it. +1
- Natural swimming pool like Webber Park
- Flower show
- Canoe/kayak/sailing X3
- Whitewater canoe/kayak/river surfing X3
- Fly fishing
- Run/bike +2
- Grill out
- Sun tan
- Take photos, sit on phone calling a friend
- Food trucks +3
- Relaxing +1
- Yoga/skateboard
- Outdoor seating
- Take time to chill and read/talk

- Walk my dog
- People live here too
- Dog park +2
- Music
- Games (bean toss, bocce, croquet) to rent and borrow and use on the site
- Pickleball and/or badminton
- Look to the future - not just the past everyday
- No sp??
- Hang with kids
- Beer

Special Event:

- Concerts
- Art shows
- Enjoy the woods that exist today
- Making a cherry blossom festival - planting cherry trees on the promenade
- Weekend Farmers Market - perhaps extension of existing MN Farmers Market
- Northern Spark
- Whitewater/canoe/kayak events and education x5
- River surfing
- Education on invasive species
- Amphitheater
- Music
- Lunch break (high schooler)
- Music festival
- Midsommer festival
- Space for photos (high schooler)
- Taste of Minneapolis with local restaurants

Spring and Summer (NIGHT)

Everyday:

- Food available
- Keep it dark - use low watt lights. Do not use LED lights. Keep it wild with prominent woods and green.
- Bonfires
- Photo booth
- Sunset
- Temperature change
- City lights
- Sound of the falls
- Experience night in the city next to/on river
- Alcohol served and consumed with friends
- No cars driving through
- Dock to stop at with boat

- Food trucks +1
- Rental of meeting room for private events
- Music
- Night walk
- LED lights in trees that can coordinate with events/3rd bridge colorful

Special Event:

- Concerts (high schooler)
- Beer and wine festivals
- Movies
- Plays
- Live Music
- Concerts
- Open mic night
- Expansion inclusion of arts/culture (high schooler)
- Events like Northern Spark (high schooler)
- Poetry Night
- Sporting events - bike races and marathons along River Road - North Star Grand Prix criterium
- Northern Spark
- Project movie/artwork on riverwest building
- 4th of July fireworks
- Make sure that music level allows those living nearby to peacefully use their spaces. Amplification should be avoided if possible. For example. Radio station broadcast at 4th of July required closed balcony doors to avoid hearing distress.
- Urban architecture tours from the river on a boat
- Music

Fall and Winter (DAY)

Everyday:

- Bike riding
- Dog walking
- Running
- Rest room
- Enjoy the woods that exist today
- People walking
- Bike
- Walk
- Picnic
- Biking +1
- Walking
- Snowshoeing
- Ice skating/pop up
- Cross country ski trails
- Sleds/inner tubes/skate rental +2

- Look to the future (every day)
- Run/bike

Special Event:

- Ice sculpture contest
- Outdoor winter market
- Extension/compliment to Holidazzle
- Ice sculpture event

Fall and Winter (NIGHT)

Everyday:

- Photo booth
- Subtle light so the river can still be seen as well as the lights across the river
- Projection art with natural motifs (river, etc.) - +1!!
- Projecting onto bridge (see lighting of Bay Bridge in SF)
- Ice bar and Hors d'oeuvres

Special Event:

- No amplified music or loud speakers early morning (before 10am) or later night (after 8pm). Preferred no amp music at all and this applies to all seasons.
- End at a reasonable hour to be respectful of those who live nearby
- Pop up sauna project
- Ice skating (high schooler)
- Sledding (high schooler)
- Winter lights display (ex. Like in Bentleyville) (high schooler)